

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 31st October 2013 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Miss K Badham, Mr N Green, Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr C Pape and Mr A Parker.

In Attendance Mrs Shields (Clerk), C S O P Schoenrock and Councillor and County Mrs E Eyre.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs M Watts, Mr M Patrick and District Mr Barrie Parmenter.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature.

3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On 29th August 2013.

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed.

4. Finance.

a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The Council agreed the following items for payment: Lengthsman £132.00, CALC £13.50, Hayden Ebrey £113.00 and Defibrillator £1,991.94.

b) To ratify payments made between meetings.

The Council agreed the following items for payment: - September Payments: Clerks SO 180.18 Lengthsman £176.00, Hayden Ebrey £244.00 and VAS Insurance £12.97.

c) Financial Report.

The following remittances had been received:- Lengthsman £352.00, £1,000.00 New Homes Bonus and £645.00 donations for the Defibrillator.

Finance report was presented to Councillors.

5. Correspondence.

Copies of land drainage letters to two residents had been received from Wychavon.

Councillors were concerned that Broadway did not ask if Childswickham would like to be included in its 'Broadway's Area Designation and Broadway Parish Council's Application for a Neighbourhood Designation', as many of Broadway's services impact on Childswickham. Cllr Patrick had attended the recent meeting held at Wychavon; the council would like to hear his report before writing to Broadway Parish Council.

6. To Discuss Equipment for the Playing Field.

The circulated quote was discussed, the council agreed to ask local contractors to quote for various works that need undertaking. Councillors to investigate.

7. To Discuss New Homes Bonus.

The council agreed to wait until the meeting with the EA and the possibility of Regional Funding for the proposed bund, taking place in December.

8. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

None to date.

b. Decided by Wychavon.

Refused by Wychavon

W/13/01388/OU - White Chapel Orchards, Murcot Turn, Broadway. Proposed erection of two detached dwellings.

c. Going to appeal

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9. Reports.

a) Clerk.

Clerk to report faulty VAS to Broadway Parish Council.

Clerk to report faded white lines at Pennylands Bank and large pothole by August House.

Clerk to write to Chief fire officer regarding the possible closure of Broadway Fire Station.

Suggestions reasons, Tourism, Steam Railway, Rural area with crops, straw etc, Local knowledge, Flood.

b) County Councillor.

Tight financial constraints

Worcestershire County Council is considering a 1.9 per cent increase from April, adding around £29.49 to a band D household.

Bus Services

Almost 88 bus services in county (43) routes are facing their bus subsidy being removed. With a £100 million saving plan over the next 3 years the subsidy of £3 million is unaffordable. This is the start of the process. There is a consultation. Please feed back to me any thoughts around any routes that effect you. It is worth noting only 20 per cent of bus services in Worcestershire are subsidised, 80 per cent are commercial. This link will lead you straight to the best site for a response:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/transport-and-highways/transport-review.aspx>

Parkway plans

The County Council is to lead on a planning application for the [Worcester] parkway station [at Norton] in the new year. We have recognised the Parkway in all strategic planning. The Parkway is a key matter for the Local Enterprise Partnership in its plans

Quality children centres

Two popular children's centre in the Vale, the Orchard and Spring Vale Children's Centre in Evesham and the Blossom Vale Children's Centre in Pershore, have been rated 'good' in Worcestershire's first ever group Ofsted inspection. The group inspection, which also included WANDS Children's Centre in Droitwich, was one of only five nationally to achieve this grade since the inspection framework was introduced in April. Managed by Worcestershire County Council, the centres provide a range of activities and support services for families with young children.

c) District Councillor.

d) CALC.

No report.

e) Bunches Brook and the Bund, Fund Raising Update.

The council agreed for an independent survey to be carried out to alleviate flood water in the village.

10. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Councillors were asked to think about the precept for the next meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 28th November 2013.